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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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A. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed:

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1. ☐ The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed, OR

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2. The Petition Fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

D. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement does not comply with any of the provisions set forth above, or is being submitted after the payment of the issue fee; however, Applicants respectfully request that the Statement be placed in the above-referenced file.

PART II: 37 CFR § 1.98 Content of Information Disclosure Statement:

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- each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed;
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Alternatively, if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, if within the possession, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in § 1.56(c), a copy of the translation is provided herein as identified:

B. ☐ The Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified U.S. and foreign patent(s), publication(s), application(s) or other information submitted is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

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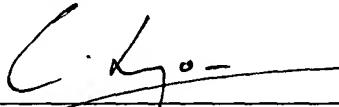
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Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited materials. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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